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Re: Docket No. 05-0002; Request for Extension of Time

To the Honorable Public Utilities Commission of the State of Hawaii:

Tesoro Hawaii Corporation, a Hawaii corporation ("Tesoro Hawaii"), respectfully requests that the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Hawaii ("Commission") enlarge the time that Tesoro Hawaii has to file its responses to the Commission's information requests, PUC-IR-42 to PUC-IR-50 ("Commission's IRs"), attached to the Commission's letter dated December 22, 2005 ("Commission's Letter"). The Commission's Letter requests responses by Friday, January 6, 2006.

Tesoro Hawaii is mindful of the Commission's duties under Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") Chapter 486H, as amended, as well as of the ethanol blending mandate under HRS § 486J-10 and Hawaii Administrative Rules § 15-35-3. In order to enable Tesoro Hawaii to provide useful reliable information in response to the Commission's IRs, Tesoro Hawaii respectfully requests an enlargement of time up to and including Wednesday, February 15, 2006 to file its responses. Tesoro Hawaii desires to provide responses to the Commission that will assist it in its efforts. In so doing, however, Tesoro Hawaii wants the information that it provides to be (1) as accurate as possible, and (2) of such substance that reliance may be placed upon it as an aid to Commission decision-making. Tesoro Hawaii believes that good cause exists to grant the relief requested. Tesoro Hawaii makes this request pursuant to Section 6-61-23(a) of the Hawaii Administrative Rules, Title 6, Chapter 61.

Essentially, Tesoro Hawaii's request for an enlargement of time is necessary in order to give the Company adequate time to perform and complete, in a responsible and reliable manner, its assessment of the requested ethanol-related inputs, including, but not limited to expenses, costs, pricing, timelines, volumes, acquisitions, location differentials, shipping terms, supply terms and accounting treatments. The ability of Tesoro Hawaii to respond satisfactorily by January 6, 2006 is heavily constrained by the uncertainties surrounding ethanol and ethanol planning. For example, refinery, production, supply, shipping and storage costs have not yet been determined to any reasonable degree of certainty because the Company is in the process of

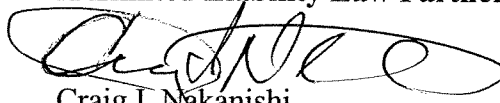
exploring satisfactory solutions. Tesoro Hawaii reasonably anticipates that its ethanol plans should be sufficiently clear by February 15, 2006 and, at that time, the Company should be able to provide responsible and reliable responses to the Commission's IRs. Tesoro Hawaii appreciates that in some instances the Commission's IRs permit identification of the "potential arrangement" or "best estimate" (e.g. PUC-IR-47 and PUC-IR-48), and Tesoro Hawaii respectfully submits that it will be able to identify such potentialities and make such estimates, or base responses on actual terms if available, after the basic information becomes known to the Company which, again, is anticipated to occur by February 15, 2006. At this time, however, the Company does not have all of the data and information needed to provide the required responses.

Finally, although Tesoro Hawaii is putting a significant amount of effort into the ethanol blending mandate, it will nevertheless take some time before the Company can know, develop and correlate all of the information needed to respond to the Commission, including identification of the elements of specific operational plans that will be undertaken. For instance, the timing, testing, facility, fill date, and task-identification information needed to present a specific operational timeline is still in the process of being determined. Tesoro Hawaii respectfully submits that the operational plan and the Commission's IRs are best approached all together as a whole because the inputs to the plan and responses to each query are interdependent and related. Therefore the picture that should emerge from the responses provided by Tesoro Hawaii on February 15, 2006, will be far clearer than it is at present. Reliable useful information is especially important where, as here, the Commission requests input that may assist it to render important decisions with far-reaching ramifications for the petroleum industry and Hawaii's citizens. Tesoro Hawaii believes that, given the extension of time, it can provide such reliable and useful information as requested by the Commission.

Accordingly, for the reasons stated herein, Tesoro Hawaii respectfully requests the enlargement of time up to and including February 15, 2006 to file its responses to the Commission's IRs. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments that you may have. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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